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WAR IN THE PERSIAN GULF HITS HOME

By Kim Lippert

As the United Nations deadline approached for Iraqi President Saddam Hussein to remove his forces from Kuwait, the world waited for the United States to take action. Just four days prior to the deadline, the United States Congress authorized President George Bush to attack Iraq if it did not leave Kuwait.

The deadline was set for midnight Washington on January 15. Approximately 19 hours later, Allied forces began striking targets in Iraq and Kuwait. Allied forces include the United States, Great Britain, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, France, Italy, and 22 other countries affiliated with the United Nations. Wednesday, January 16, Operation Desert Shield became Operation Desert Storm.

Presidential press secretary Marlin Fitzwater read a statement from President Bush saying, "The liberation of Kuwait has begun."

The initial public reaction seemed to be the recognition that war was inevitable. At Avila, the underlying thought is that the war in the Persian Gulf, unlike the 1960s, shows pride and faith in our country and our people. Feelings around Avila seem to be patriotic, perhaps hesitant; but nevertheless, there is a prominent feeling of pride in the troops that President Bush has sent overseas.

The majority opinion appeared to be supportive of the decision to free Kuwait from Saddam Hussein. Mary Ann Trask said simply, "It's a necessary evil." Dr. Bob Powell of the Biology Department stated, "The mistakes that were made were made a long time ago, so that we were on a path where we had limited alternatives."

Although reasons were not always given, switchboard operator Augusta Reddell, whose son has been in the Gulf with the Navy since August, felt it was necessary because "Saddam Hussein is the type of person who would have gone after Saudi Arabia and other countries. Just like Hitler, sooner or later, he'd have to be stopped...No one wants a war, but there are some things you can't tolerate."

Support for the troops runs very high at Avila. Graduate student Connie Duer stressed that she is "very proud of them, but concerned about their safety."

Reddell said, "I don't want anybody's kids to get hurt. I know we're over there to do a job. Let's get it done and bring all the people back home where they belong. My son's been over there since August. But he's very good at his job. I'm proud. I'm so proud of our boys and girls over there."

The protests around the country were on the minds of some Avila students who support our troops in the Gulf. Rick Morrow stated, "They're

protesting for the wrong things. It's not about oil." Jim Bainville added, "The protests should have come before the war. Now isn't the time to protest."

Reddell commented, "Protestors have every right to protest, but the time for protest should have been before. They should say, we're against the war but for the troops. They should let the troops know they still care about them."

One of the main concerns about the war expressed was that Hussein retained some of his Scud missiles despite the massive Allied bombing. He kept them directed toward Israel and Saudi Arabia, even though they cannot be guided to any specific target. Both Israel and Saudi Arabia have had many warnings that the Scuds are coming, and a few have struck. They live with the threat of chemical and biological warheads that Hussein possesses.

The United States introduced an answer to the Scuds, however: the Patriot missile. A majority of the Scuds fired toward Saudi Arabia were intercepted by the Patriots, and Patriots were brought into Israel for protection against these Scuds.

Hussein's attack on Israel was seen by Connie Duer as "a good move but has had the opposite effect. It backfired." Mary Ann Trask said that she believed the Scuds were fired at Israel "in order for the Arab countries to unite against the Israelis so that the war can be a holy war." Reddell felt that the attack "shows what kind of person Saddam Hussein is. His fight was not with Israel. You have to pray for him, too, because he is so misguided."

Also causing concern and outrage at Avila was the showing of Allied POWs on Iraqi television. They appeared to be mistreated, and they made statements against the Allied effort. Both of these actions violated the Geneva conventions for the treatment of prisoners of war. Reddell said "It's atrocious to put anybody through more pain. I don't think it serves any purpose to deliberately torture them. They are kept away from their wives, children and homes anyway. Why torture them on top of that? Keeping them together in a group ought to be enough. Saddam Hussein is doing it to show off and scare the American public into saying, 'Let's get out of there!'"

Connie Duer said, "They (Iraqis) forget that American values make such treatment out as the actions of cowards and makes us mad -- not scared."

Hussein's appeal to the Arab world to strike against the Allies with terrorism did not seem directly to frighten people at Avila into taking any extra precautions. One student said, "I'm concerned, but more for the major universities. I don't think he'll get



Avila." She added that she would be "more comfortable in an airport right now than before or after the war because they've increased the security so much." It seems that terrorism is taken as a possible threat; but just as in dealing with the reality of war, most people recognize the need for life to go on.

The constant awareness of the war was noticed by Connie Duer: "There is always an awareness of the war no matter how normal life here seems. First thing in the morning, it's the first thought in your mind -- and the last one at night." Reddell emphasized that "You've just got to go on and do what has to be done. They've got their jobs to do there, and we have ours here."

Hussein brought a new aspect into the war with the deliberate pumping of oil into the Persian Gulf from the Al Ahmadi storage complex. This action caused the largest oil spill in the world. The Allied forces bombed its source, but a few

days later another spill occurred from another site. These events brought an environmental concern to the war.

Avila alumnus Scott Maxey, who now works for the Missouri Department of Conservation, felt that "We should hand him (Saddam Hussein) a bottle of dishwashing detergent and make him sit there and clean up all those birds."

With all the events in the war happening daily, the Avila community can find comfort in their own pride in the men and women serving in Operation Desert Storm. Many students said their homes don American flags everyday, and their trees will wear yellow ribbons until the troops are safe at home. Many members of the Avila community said that the troops are in their prayers everyday.

Connie Duer asked that Avila do a little more: "I would like to see the students get out of their ruts and support the families of troops and make their feelings known."

Reddell made an appeal to everyone at Avila to "write every serviceman you can think of. Let them know you support them." She says of her own support: "I write my son everyday. I mail him the newspaper so he'll know what's going on back home, how we feel about it...I send him the comics and crossword puzzles because it's important to help him relax." She keeps her son, Matt, close to her heart with the necklace he gave her when he went to boot camp. It is "a little gold heart with a diamond in it...It's inscription says 'To Mother With Love'." She added, "I won't take it off until the war's over." She submitted her son's address and asks anyone who is willing to write him. She would like Avila to "Let him know we care."

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SAM Sponsors Debate on the Gulf Crisis

By Tasha Kovich

The mood was carefree as almost 50 students milled around in the Snack Bar, chatting with friends while they looked for a seat. Everyone grew quiet when the SAM (Students for the Advancement of Management) and Student Life-sponsored debate began. The topic was something that concerned everyone: The Middle East Crisis. At that time, war had not yet been declared on Iraq.

The first speaker was Tanvir Najam. He gave helpful background information on both the United States and Iraq. "War has never been a solution," Najam started as he reminded the audience of the incidents in Panama and Vietnam. He pointed out that there are many other countries that need help just like Kuwait. The fact that, ironically, Iraq's arms are from the U.S. was mentioned. Najam explained that the U.S. would not be able to stop Iraq; they would have to fight in other countries as

well. Being from Pakistan, Najam was very knowledgeable about the religious practices and beliefs in the Middle East. He warned that if Muslim shrines were destroyed, a "(holy) war will begin after the defeat of it all."

Bob Regenbach was the second speaker. He held that only trying sanctions for six months was not long enough. Reportedly, 95% of exports and 90% of imports had effectively been cut off in Iraq. Regenbach stated that "it is a no-win situation for the United States." Another point he brought up was that Saddam Hussein would be considered a martyr by the Iraqis if he were killed in battle. He added that "there is no guarantee that we are going to win" because whereas the Iraqis are combat hardened, the U.S. has a lot of soldiers that have never been in battle.

Derek Moorhead was the third and final speaker in the debate. He

stressed, "we are misinformed by the media" because they receive information as second-hand hearsay, but more often third or fourth. According to Moorhead, there would be two methods of attack, on the air and on the ground. He stated that "the U.S. has an advantage in the air because we have experienced pilots; Iraq is 'iffy in the air'." In regards to the ground attack, he brought up the fact that the U.S.'s newest tank has never been battle-tested. On the same line, however, the Iraqis would be driving Soviet tanks that the Soviets now refuse to repair.

All three speakers brought up valid points in the Middle East debate. The following discussion between audience and speakers showed just how concerned everyone was on the issue. Admittedly, the mood had sobered as people turned to their neighbors to express their feelings on the Middle East crisis.

If you would like to write to our men and women in the Gulf, mail letters to this address:
Operation Desert Storm
FPO New York
09866-0006

Avila Department On the Move

By Melissa Martin

For the Business and Economics Department it's not business as usual. During the Fall Semester the Department began moving from Blasco Hall to Whitfield. Hopefully, the relocation process will be completed by Summer 1991.

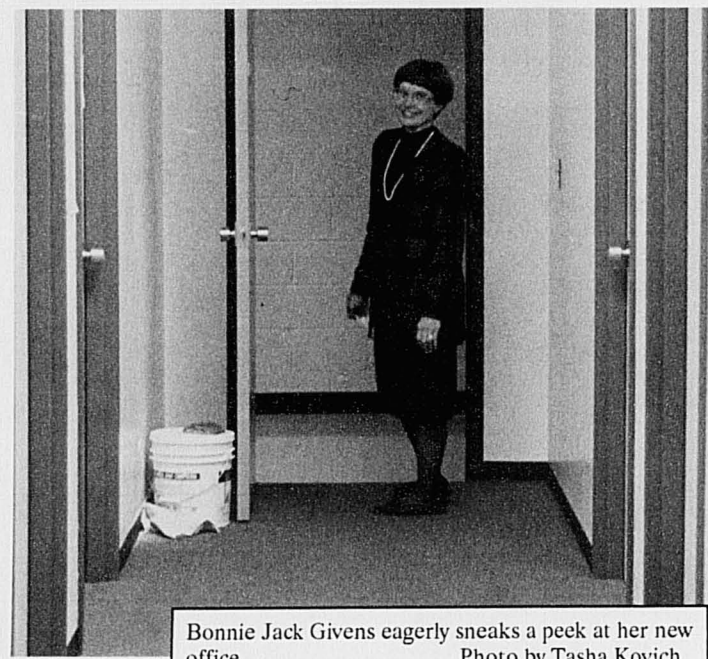
Dr. Louis James, Department Chairman, commented that he was happy with the move and the idea of keeping the department together. In the past the offices of the Business and Economics Department were not in close proximity. James explained that the lines of communication were always kept open with the

use of the telephone, but moving everyone together will make things more convenient.

Two large classrooms in the center of Whitfield were combined together and then broken down into offices for the faculty.

Because of this move a large space became available in upper Blasco. This provided new offices for the much-needed expansion of the Community Relations Department.

All of the relocating is due to the drive to improve Avila's campus and make offices more accessible.



Bonnie Jack Givens eagerly sneaks a peek at her new office.
Photo by Tasha Kovich

Keeping The Faith in Time of War

Dear Member of the Avila Community,

Prior to January 15 I prayed to God for a just and peaceful solution to the crisis in the Persian Gulf. Since January 16, I have continued to pray for a just and speedy end to the war. As the war intensifies, I find myself questioning, "How does my relationship with God help me during these troubled times?" My relationship with God enables me to be a woman of faith, a woman of hope, and a woman of love.

Woman of Faith. My Christian faith holds that God is the Creator of all people and that Jesus died for the sins of all. Therefore, I pray for a heightened realization of our oneness in the human race, Iraqis and Americans alike, and I pray for a conversion from our violent ways of resolving conflict to peaceful means of negotiating differences.

Woman of Hope. My hope is in a provident God, a God who is present and caring in good times and during the struggles. My hope is rooted in the death and resurrection of Jesus. I trust that out of the shattered and

dying relationships among warring peoples there will arise a new world order, one in which the people have learned to forgive their enemies, to appreciate differences and to share resources more equitably.

Woman of Love. Jesus' most difficult teaching for me is "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." (Mt. 5:44) Jesus practiced what he preached. On the cross He prayed, "Father, forgive them; they do not know what they are doing." (Lk. 23:34) Consequently, I endeavor to love my enemies by desiring and praying for a just and peaceful settlement of the war and by advocating an end to violent methods, unjust relationships, and hateful attitudes both at home and abroad.

These are a few ways in which my relationship with God is influencing my life during this time of war. I am struggling to persevere in faith, to be constant in hope, and to be faithful in love. Perhaps you, too, are struggling to make sense out of the war. I invite you to share your sources of strength in these troubled times. Peace be with you!

Lovingly,
Ruth Stuckel, C.S.J.

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Avila Hosts Spring Music Festival

By Jane Malone

Throughout the week of March 2-8, Avila College will host the 46th Annual Avila-Diocesan Music Festival. This Festival will provide an opportunity for 4,000 area grade school through high school students to compete in various music fields.

For instance, this event will allow these students to perform as piano and vocal soloists, and take part in choral and instrumental groups. Then, each day throughout the week, a different category will perform their selections and will be judged on spe-

cific criteria. The most outstanding performers will return to Avila on Wednesday, March 13 and Thursday, March 14, at 7:30 p.m. for two final performances.

These performances will be open to the public. Adults will be charged admission of \$2.00 and children under 12 will be charged \$1.00. The concerts promise to be very entertaining. Please come and support the fine talent that will be displayed at them..



1991 Thornhill Art Gallery
January 23-February 22 Sculpture
Dan Keegan Sculpture

March 1-March 28 Juried Show
Art Education Connection of Greater Kansas City
Reception March 1, 7-9 p.m.
Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

**It is finally here...
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AVILA TRIVIA CONTEST
The Faculty/Staff Development Committee announces the "Avila Trivia Contest". Put on your thinking cap. If you can answer all 15 questions, you may be the winner of an Avila Sweatshirt which will show everyone you're in "the know" about Avila. The February 12 trivia questions are:

1. Who is the ghost of Goppert and what's the story?
2. Who is St. Teresa of Avila?
3. How many snakes are in the Biology Department (the living variety)? Which is the largest snake and what is his/her name?
4. Who are the student government officers?
5. What is the sculpture in front of Blasco Hall?

If you know the answers to these questions, send your name and phone number with your answers to Jeff Fox, Student Life Offices. The person with the most correct answers will be the winner -- if more than one person correctly answers all the questions, there will be a drawing for the sweatshirt.

NOTE: Members of the Faculty/Staff Development Committee and their families are not allowed to participate in the contest. We ask that no CSJ participate in the contest.

Avila's "Moon Children"

"Do you ever get the feeling that you're totally irrelevant?" The sixties were a time of idealism and disillusionment. Young college students vainly attempted to reshape the world that was shaping them. Experience this struggle as the Actor's Laboratory Theatre presents Michael Weller's "Moon Children", directed by Kassi Dougherty. Performances are at 8 p.m. February 19-20 (Tues. and Wed.) and are FREE to the public. Due to the nature of the language, adult discretion is advised.

Tuesday, February 19
Career Planning Seminar -
Part One, 5:30 p.m.,
Barefoot Room, Marian Centre

Wednesday, February 20
Interview Skills Seminar,
5:30 p.m., Barefoot Room,
Marian Centre

Tuesday, February 26
Career Planning Seminar -
Part Two, 5:30 p.m.,
Barefoot Room, Marian Centre

Friday, March 1
College Career Fair,
9 a.m.-4 p.m.,
Hilton Plaza Inn, 45th & Main

THE HISTORY CLUB PRESENTS...
Avila's very own Claude R. Sasso, Ph.D., on Sunday February 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the Barefoot Room at Marian Centre. At this informal presentation Dr. Sasso will show slides of his trip to the Russian Cities: Moscow, Kiev, and Leningrad. Dr. Sasso will be teaching a course in Russian History at Avila this Fall, so this would be an intriguing preview for that class. Since this is a prevalent topic for our time, it should prove to be a stimulating evening for anyone interested in Soviet history.

Court Is In Session:
Six members of Avila will attend the Intercollegiate Mock Trial Tournament on February 16-17 in Des Moines, Iowa. Colleges from all over the nation are to compete. The team is set, and the verdict will soon be in.

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Nursing Focus Group
Returning Adult Pack (RAP), a focus group for nurses has been meeting since the beginning of the fall semester. If you are returning to college, starting for the first time after being out of high school several years or beginning nursing as a second career you may benefit from this group. Meeting are held the first Monday of the month from 12:00 to 1:00 in the nursing conference room of Borserine. Bring you lunch and join us for some great discussions and support.

WELCOME FATHER PAUL SANDERS, C.P.P.S.
Father will work in the Chaplain/Campus Ministry area, and will be on campus Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays during the Spring Semester. Mass will be said at noon on the days Father is on campus. His office will be located in Foyle Hall by the Chapel.

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Mass Appeal By Bill Davis
February 15-16 & 22-23, Goppert Theatre

Attention...Psychology Students
Psychology Club & Psi Chi Honor Society announce next meeting. Panel presentation: Educational and employment options after completing a Psychology degree. Everyone welcome. Wednesday, February 27, 1-2:30 p.m. Barefoot Room/Marian Centre

THANKS
My personal thanks to each and every student who pays their bill in a timely manner. Also, my thanks to each of my colleagues who watch over their individual budget areas and keep them in line for the good of all of us as a part of Avila College family.
Norm Gearhart

Don't Miss ROBIN CROW
the Rock-N-Roll Sensation!
Thursday, February 21, 9 p.m.
sponsored by SUB; stay tuned for more details!



Cast of "Moon Children" Photo by Tasha Kovich

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Valentine's Day, a Festival of Romance Around the World

By Lisa Levine, Feature Editor

Valentine's Day is known as the festival of romance and affection. However, this holiday is celebrated differently around the world.

In the United States and Canada, children exchange valentines with their friends, while older students enjoy dances and parties. Men often send their wives or sweethearts flowers or boxed or heart-shaped candy.

In Great Britain, children sing special Valentine's Day songs and receive gifts of money, fruit or candy. In the country of Rutland, women bake tasty buns containing caraway seeds and plums. In the town of

Norwich, young men leave a basket of gifts on their loved ones' doorsteps. They would then knock on the door and run away.

In Italy, young unmarried women get up before sunrise on Valentine's Day. They stand by their windows for hours watching for a man to pass the house. Each girl believes that the first man she sees will become her husband within the year.

In Denmark, people send pressed snowdrop flowers to special friends. The Danes often send "gaekkebrev" valentines, or joking letters. The sender writes an original rhyme but does not sign his name. Instead, he uses a

code of dots; representing each letter of his name. If his lady guesses his name and tells him, he rewards her with an Easter egg the following Easter.

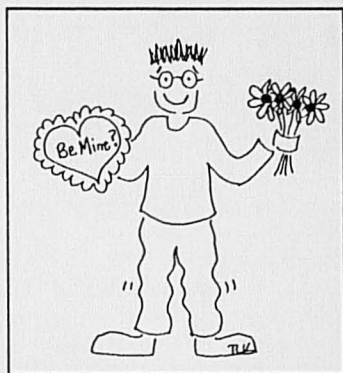
Years ago, people held many beliefs in connection with Valentine's Day. One of the oldest beliefs said that birds choose their mates on February 14. An old English superstition warned that it was bad luck to bring snowdrops into the house before Valentine's Day if unmarried girls in the house hoped to be married before the end of the year.

Most Valentine's Day customs were concerned with romance or the

choice of a mate. Girls used to write their boyfriends' names on bits of paper and roll each name in a little piece of clay and drip it in water. The first scrap of paper to rise to the top was supposed to contain the name of her true valentine.

In some places, an unmarried girl would strike her forehead with a folded rose petal. If the petal cracked, the girl knew that her valentine loved her. When a girl finally married, she could no longer take part in romantic Valentine's Day Customs.

Today, almost everyone takes part in the Valentine's Day celebration in one way or another. Whether one is



sending a valentine to their sweetheart, friend or family, or receiving gifts, candy, or flowers from their favorite valentine, everybody should open their hearts and say "Be my valentine."

Happy Valentine's Day!

Friends of the Library increases literature

By Cheryl Denslow

The Friends of the Library, organized in 1980 to raise funds to subsidize the operating expenses of the Avila Library, specifically to help with the purchase of books, raises some \$6,000 each year which goes to the Library, said Sister Una Maria Brumback. In addition to the main fundraising event held each year, Board members and volunteers make calls during the annual Avila Phonathon seeking donations for the Library. Anyone making a donation of a minimum of \$25 will be listed as a Friend of the Library. Currently there are approximately 500 members.

Two book sales have already been held this year thanks to donations of books from area Catholic churches. This year's president, Kathleen McPhilliamy, hopes to raise the visibility of the group in an effort to increase awareness of the organization and support for the Library.

At a recent meeting of the volunteer Board of Friends of the Library, a tentative date of April 18 was set for this year's fundraiser. More information about the function, from which all proceeds go to the Library, will be publicized when plans are finalized.

Friends of the Library are pleased to announce a new program which will be available soon. For a specified amount, an individual can purchase a sticker which will be placed in a book indicating that a donation has been made to the Library in the memory of someone special. A notice will be mailed to those listed as Friends of the Library when the memorial stickers are available.

If you would like more information on how to become a Friend of the Library, you may call Sister Una Marie at ext. 220.

Good Eatin's at Burgers-N-Such

By Lisa Levine and Tasha Kovich

Welcome to the wonderful world of food! This issue, we almost resorted to fast food; however, Burgers-N-Such is more than your average fast-food frenzy. For one, we did not have to push our way to the front counter to place our order. Second, even though we ordered at the counter, we were served at our table. Finally, no fast-food restaurant we have eaten at has televised soap operas.

The menu does not consist of a wide variety of sandwiches, but the handful there "are good eatin's!" We are fond of the cheeseburger and

the chicken sandwich. Prices range from two to four dollars. Spicy fries are a yummy side order worth trying.

Should you have any questions about the restaurant or the food, fact sheets are available at the counter.

Overall, we give Burgers-N-Such an "A" grade. The friendly atmosphere and fast service make this restaurant a great place to eat any time of day. Burgers-N-Such is located 12309 State Line Road. Hours are 10:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., Monday through Sunday.

Revolutionize the Educational Experience

By Sister Marie Joan Harris Ph.D.

What's it all about? That's a question that many of us are asking these days as we learn to live with the uncertainty and devastation of a nation at war. It's the question that we confront individually, often at moments of crisis or change. It's a question that we ask corporately whenever we join together in a common endeavor. One year ago, the full-time faculty at Avila made a commitment to spend time together addressing the question, "What should every Avila graduate be and be able to do?" In other words, "What is teaching and learning all about on the Avila campus?" Almost every Friday afternoon, a time traditionally spent in classrooms grading pa-

pers or preparing for future classes, faculty have met to seek answers to these questions so that Avila students can benefit from a curriculum that is focused and coherent. This process is unique, even among schools similar to Avila, and is a tribute to the dedication of the Avila faculty to educational excellence. The discussions are lively, and we've become much better at reaching consensus. We have identified outcomes that we believe are essential for an Avila education, and we have considered ways of teaching that might promote these objectives. Equally important, we have learned something about one another. We have shared some of those very personal beliefs that

have caused each of us to become a college professor.

What's next? Since Avila is a community of learners, the faculty wants to present the results of these meetings to the campus community. Students, staff, alumni and trustees will be asked to review, revise and respond to these educational outcomes. Once adopted, the next challenge will be the creation of a curriculum that will incorporate these outcomes and ensure the integrity of the educational experience for all Avila graduates.

So, for Avila, the simple question, "What's it all about?" has the potential to revolutionize the educational experience for the entire community.

Oh You Beautiful Doll!

By Stella Steele

Her scarlet lined cape is thrown jauntily over one shoulder displaying the nursing uniform she wears beneath it. She is one of thirty-three dolls that is dressed to depict a nurse, a nursing sister, or a Sister of St. Joseph that can now be seen on display in the foyer of the Nursing Office.

Beverly Lindsey, Associate Professor of Nursing, found the dolls in a storage area in 1957. The creator of the dolls remains a mystery, but it is thought they were made by one of

the sisters. According to Lindsey, each one is dressed in a historically accurate costume.

The maker of the dolls fashioned each costume with exquisite detail. Small rosary beads dangle from the habits of the sisters. Much of the clothing has fine handsewn details such as lace, tucks, and beading. The viewer may find of particular interest the sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet dressed in habits that change from those worn in 1600 through the late 1960s. Dolls dressed in costumes

from 15 BC through the 1100s, grace the top shelf, one of these being a Roman matron, St. Hildegard, who lived from 1098-1117 and was the author of medical books when most women were illiterate, appears to gaze with approval at the scene before her. Several dolls are dressed in student uniforms which are no longer worn by student nurses. On the bottom shelf stands a lone male nurse.

Before the collection could be put on display it was in need of refurbishing. Sr. Pat Hauser, a former Avila professor, and Ann Foley, a current Nursing instructor, volunteered to do much of the needed repair. Through the efforts of a few of the Avila Nursing faculty and Avila alumni, a case was purchased to display the dolls. Sister Margaret Reinhart, Avila's resident artist, used her talent for calligraphy to label the display and list the contributors to The Avila Doll Collection.

The Nursing Department invites the Avila community to stop by and view the collection. Even if you are not a doll collector or history buff you will have to admire the fine detail with which these dolls have been fashioned.



Some of the unique dolls displayed in the Avila Department of Nursing. Photo by Tasha Kovich

Dean's List, Fall 1990

Mary Adams	Caroline Graham	Margaret Myler
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Kathleen Axtell	Mary Healy	Danon Park
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There Is More To Life Than Just Playing Games

By Derek Moorhead, Sports Editor

In the mission of Avila College, there is a commitment to the education of mind and body, and to the growth of the whole person. Students not only receive a degree, they receive an education.

Avila provides its students with many opportunities to grow and succeed. Athletics allows the student to develop physical skills, but Avila focuses more on academics.

One way Avila stresses academics is by giving limited athletic schol-

arships. No athlete receives a free ride; each pays for part or all of his/her education. This year has been filled with recruiting violations at the collegiate level. Avila has followed NAIA rules of conduct and is not known for spoiling its athletes. Although Avila recruits well, they are not known for attracting nationally ranked high school athletes. The athletes at Avila are here to earn a degree, not just to play ball.

Avila has taken steps to rein-

force academics with its athletes. The athletes are given consistent practice times by the coaches so the student and advisor can schedule classes accordingly.

An innovative step that Avila has taken is the study/practice experiment which recently received media attention for the men's basketball team.

Avila, perhaps not known for its outstanding athletes, is known for its outstanding people.

Softball Builds on Recruiting and Experience

By Scott Duffen

After sliding to 3-9 district and 5-27 overall records last year, the former Avalanche softball team hopes to soar above the .500 mark this season with their new Eagle nickname.

Although limited in the pitching area last year, the women's softball team offensively flourished. As a team they led the district in hitting at one point. Kim Nordike, named all-district, forged the way at the plate with a .510 batting average, followed by Krista Kanies at .387 and Angie Sullivan with a .381 average.

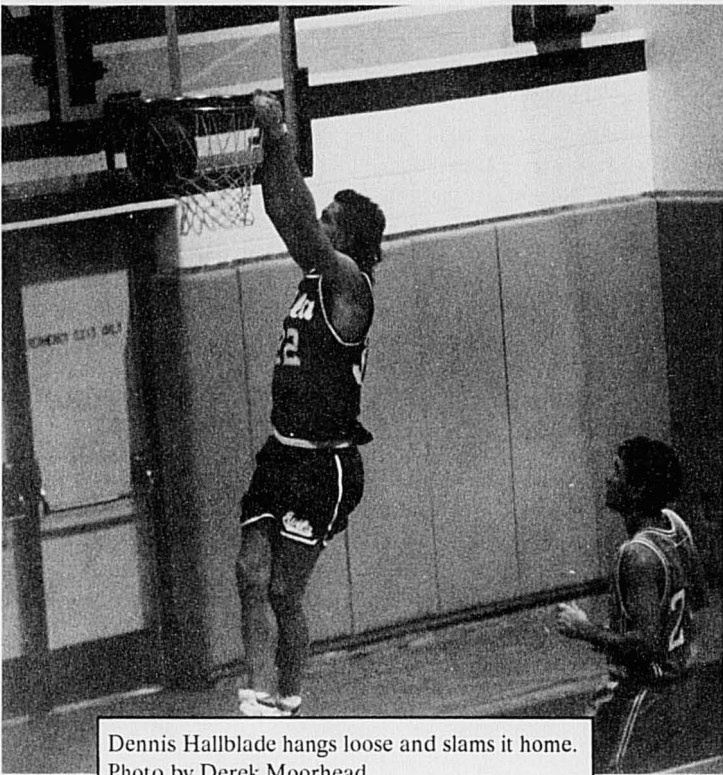
Head coach Joan Ice, in her third

season, believes that with this year's recruiting the team should play above the .500 mark. With three quality pitchers coming in coach Ice believes the team should make the first round of playoffs. Those pitchers include all-metro pitcher Shannon Walter, Cheryl Duren and Lana Kenter.

Coach Ice says that this year's schedule will be stronger than last year's with 35 to 40 games to be played and four tournaments. The main reason for this heavy scheduling is because of the added pitching. According to Ice, Columbia, Wil-

liam Woods, and Tarkio, who usually lead District 16, will more than likely lead district again this season.

The Eagles softball team will throw out its first pitch this year in a scrimmage on February 28 against Kansas City Kansas Community College.



Dennis Hallblade hangs loose and slams it home. Photo by Derek Moorhead

Lady Eagles Lose Ground On Break

By Tasha Kovich

Even though the Fall semester ended in late December, the Lady Eagles did not get to rest over Christmas Break.

Starting their season in early November, the Lady Eagles had a record of 4 wins and 6 losses by December 4. On December 7, they pounded their Central Methodist opponents in a 77 to 60 victory. Unfortunately, the Lady Eagles struggled with their next five games, losing to Park College, Peru State, Doane, Rosary College, and Loras College within a months time. On January 4, the ladies missed beating St. Francis College by two points, barely losing 71-72. The Lady Eagles added a well-deserved win to their record when they beat Lindenwood by a score of 58-53 on January 11. The ladies suffered a loss to Rockhurst on January 16 and again to William Woods on January 17. Benedictine did not have chance on January 19 as the Lady Eagles soared to a 68-55 win. The College of the Ozarks secured the upper hand against the ladies on January 24, with a score of 76-89. Up

to this point, the Lady Eagles have record of 7 and 15.

Leading the team in rebounds is junior Jocelyn Turner with 172. She also average 12.4 points per game.

Close behind is junior Janice Williams with 169 rebounds. She leads the team with 13.5 points per game and has walked away with 49 steals.

Other leaders include LaShon Gant, senior, with 73 assist and 36 steals, and Joyce Heimsoth, freshman, with 50 assists and 12.7 points per game.

The Lady Eagles also include juniors Kelley Huber and Kim Nordike, sophomore Kim Lanning, and freshmen Sarah Ziegs, Lana Kenter, Shelly Schubert, and Paulett Carothers.

The finishing home games for the Lady Eagles are against Ottawa on February 11, College of the Ozarks on February 21, and Rockhurst on February 23.

Men's Basketball				Women's Basketball			
Feb. 16/Sat	Drury	Home	7:30pm	Feb. 18/Mon	Central Methodist	Away	7:00pm
Feb. 19/Tues	Columbia	Away	7:30pm	Feb. 21/Thurs	Col. of the Ozarks	Home	5:30pm
Feb. 23/Sat	Rockhurst	Home	7:30pm	Feb. 23/Sat	Rockhurst	Home	5:30pm

Baseball Improves Through Preparation

By Jim Huber

After a 15-24 record and missing the playoffs by one spot, Avila's baseball team is looking forward to beginning their 1991 season. Avila will have a different look this year with a new coach and a new group of players.

One of the bright spots for Avila is Mark Tobin, the first-year baseball coach. Tobin brings experience and knowledge to the baseball program. He has coached at colleges before and has played a tremendous amount of baseball in his time.

After an off-season of recruiting Tobin has been able to bring in 15 new players to the program. They are all skilled players and have come from winning programs in junior colleges and high schools. The first-

year Avila players should mix well with the 7 returning players from last year.

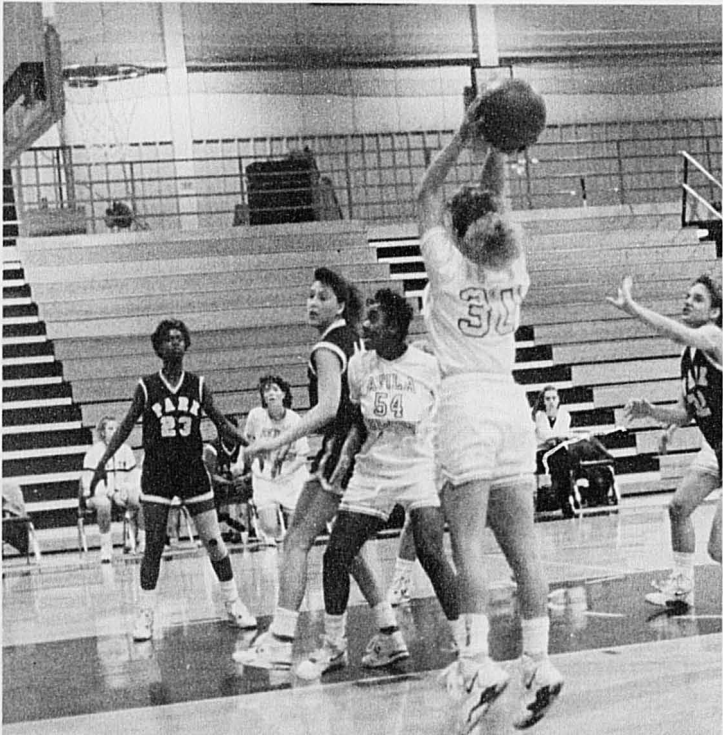
Practice has already begun for the baseball team. They practice approximately 6 days a week in the gym. The position players are working on their techniques in different hitting stations. The stations include a whiffle ball machine, soft toss machine (which flips a ball up in front of the hitter, who works on his mechanics by swinging the ball into the net), batting tees and indoor batting cage. At one station Tobin films his players hitting. Then after the players hit, they watch the tape and look for bad habits they have swinging the bat.

The pitchers are on a 3-day rota-

tion during practices. They have been working mainly on their technique right now. The only pitches they have been throwing are the fastball and change up. When they get their arms in shape, different pitches will be put into their practice. The pitchers also watch videos on their pitching mechanics.

An interesting project that the baseball team did together was to build tees and screens for practices. This took a lot of hard work on the players' part. They received most of the material free which helped cut down on the cost and save money for the baseball program.

Tobin is looking forward for the season to begin. He feels so far that everything appears good, and that Avila has a competitive schedule this year. With the mix between returning and incoming players this season should be a success.



Kim Nordike gets a pick from Jocelyn Turner and puts a shot up. Photo by Tasha Kovich

Roundballers Win At Home But Not Overall

By Chris Pickett

The Avila Eagles men's basketball team is approaching the light at the end of the tunnel. The Eagles are 8-15 so far this year. The roundballers went into their December 4 game against Baker University with a 4-4 record. Unfortunately, they lost the game and began a nine-game skid.

The Eagles lost to Baker twice, Evangel, Regis (Colo.), Colorado College, Drury, Benedictine, Rockhurst, and Mid-America Nazarene. Frustration was the best way to describe the team's feelings, but despair was far from their minds. On January 19, the Eagles traveled to Atchison, KS, and gained revenge on Benedictine with a 101-97 win. Dennis Hallblade led the way with 26 points.

He was followed by Randy Johnson (21), Kevin Lowder (20), and Chris Pickett (17). This was Benedictine's first loss at home this season.

January 22 brought the Columbia College Cougars to Mabee Fieldhouse, and with them came the number two ranking in District 16 and a pre-season national ranking of number 10. The Eagles ignored all of those impressive accolades and handed Columbia a 78-75 defeat. Lowder (17), Johnson (15), Pickett (14), and Hallblade (12) led the way in points for Avila.

Avila then traveled to Rockhurst, only to lose 79-56 as Rockhurst beat the Eagles for the second time this season.

The loss to Rockhurst did not

keep the Eagles down. They bounced back with a 89-64 thrashing of Lindenwood College, giving Avila its third win since the beginning of the second semester.

Avila then improved its home record to 6 wins - 3 losses on the season, and 8-15 overall with a steady 70-59 victory over Westminster. Hallblade led the scoring attack with 30 points. Lowder (13), Johnson (10), Pickett (7), and Brian Strauss (6) capped off the scoring.

"We've played more together. Everyone understands their role," said freshman forward Quinton Hollinshead. "Everyone has the desire to win, and that is a key for us."

Men's Basketball Leaders		Women's Basketball Leaders	
Scoring per game		Scoring per game	
17.6	Dennis Hallblade	13.5	Janice Williams
14.9	Brian Strauss	12.7	Joyce Heimsoth
12.7	Randy Johnson	12.4	Jocelyn Turner
Rebounds per game		Rebounds per game	
7.9	Brian Strauss	8.6	Jocelyn Turner
5.8	Dennis Hallblade	8.5	Janice Williams
4.0	Kevin Lowder	4.7	Kim Nordike
Assists		Assists	
74	Randy Johnson	73	LaShon Gant
34	Kevin Lowder	50	Joyce Heimsoth
33	Chris Pickett	38	Kim Nordike
Steals		Steals	
41	Dennis Hallblade	49	Janice Williams
29	Randy Johnson	36	LaShon Gant
19	Brian Strauss	31	Kim Nordike
Stats as of 1-23-91		Stats as of 1-18-91	